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PALESTINE

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Registry  
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FROM

No.

Dated

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5 Jan.

Smuggling of arms into Palestine.

Palestine 6th 7 of Jan 2. involves various  
methods by which it seems certain that both  
Jews and Arabs will attempt to smuggle  
arms and ammunition into Palestine.  
The best means of preventing same.

Last Paper.

(Minutes.)

References.

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**INWARD TELEGRAM**

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

E 1948  
5 JAN

**Cypher (O.T.P.)**

**FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)**

D. 2nd January, 1948

R. 2nd

20.10 hrs.

**No. 7. Secret.**

Addressed to the S. of S.

Repeated to Washington No.3 (Washington please pass to U.K. Delegation as my telegram No.21).

" " Beirut No. 22.  
" " Damascus No. 23.  
" " Baghdad No. 4.  
" " Cairo No. 2.  
" " Jeddah No. 3.  
" " Amman No. 3 savings.

It seems certain that both the Jews and the Arabs will endeavour, during the residue of the mandatory period, to introduce arms and munitions into Palestine. Since this Government is according no (repeat no) facilities for such imports to non-Governmental bodies it follows that such endeavours must be clandestine, and as long as His Majesty's Government is responsible for law and order it must try to frustrate them.

2. Intelligence sources show (no omitted) doubt that the Jews are trying to buy munitions in the U.S. (e.g. Washington telegram to the Foreign Office No.7160) and in countries in the Soviet zone of Europe, particularly Poland and Czechoslovakia. While the U.S. has banned the export of arms to the Middle East it seems likely, in view of Jewish wealth and influence and of the sympathy with which their cause is widely regarded, that they will continue to export arms from the U.S. surreptitiously. Countries in the Russian zone will probably not be deterred from selling arms to the Jews by considerations of subsequent illegal import into Palestine.

3. The Jews may attempt to import arms or acquired either by clandestinely landing them on the open shore or by disguising them as ordinary cargo passing through Haifa and Tel Aviv. (groups omitted? As Tel Aviv is) 100% Jewish the possibility of smuggling through that port is particularly acute. It would obviously not be feasible in the present political circumstances to divert shipping from Tel Aviv to Jaffa or Haifa.

4. The best prospect of preventing, or at least limiting, the illicit import of arms by the Jews lies in the provision to this Government of accurate intelligence of shipments so that suspect vessels may be intercepted when entering territorial waters and directed into Haifa for special examination.

5. It is known that the Arab States are providing and intend to provide the Palestine Arabs with arms which will be smuggled into this country across the land frontiers. Reports, which may well be exaggerated, speak of 10,000 rifles having already been sent to Palestine with a greater number on the way. In the case of Arabs too, the best hope of preventing the smuggling of arms lies in the provision of accurate intelligence which would enable large consignments to be intercepted and seized.

6. I would therefore be grateful if all intelligence

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compilations could be mobilized with the object of providing this Government with accurate information of as detailed a nature as possible of the despatch of arms to Palestine for use by both the Jews and the Arabs.

\*Corrections being obtained.

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" "  
Cabinet Office  
War Office (M.O.4)  
" " (M.I.3)  
Ministry of Defence.  
M.I.5.

- Mr. Burrows.  
- Mr. H. Beeley.  
- Mr. J.G.S. Beith.  
- Mr. S.E.V. Luke.  
- Lt. Col. M.M. Charteris.  
- Lt. Col. Price.  
- Major Gabbett.  
- Mr. J.C. Robertson.

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<div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">1948</div>	<div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">PALESTINE</div>	
<p>Registry Number <i>E252/193/31</i></p> <p>TELEGRAM FROM <i>Lord Amersford</i></p> <p>No. <i>Washington</i></p> <p>Dated <i>45</i></p> <p>Received in Registry <i>5 Jan</i></p>	<p><i>Smuggling of T.A.T. into Palestine.</i></p> <p><i>Two report credited dropping of one of 26 cases being loaded aboard American export liner "President" in Jersey City on 3 Jan disclosed that these cases contained an estimated 65,000 lbs weight of T.A.T. probably purchased as surplus war material. Shipment was marked for delivery Palestine.</i></p>	
<p>Last Paper.</p> <p><i>193</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">(Minutes.)</p> <p><i>Usual Palestine circulation please.</i></p> <p><i>N.A. Depo.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>#13.4</i></p>	
<p>References.</p>		
<p>(Print.)</p>		
<p>(How disposed of.)</p> <p><i>8, Washington. 89.</i></p> <p><i>Entered Bal off.</i></p> <p><i>M.I. 3a</i></p> <p><i>4104</i></p> <p><i>Adams</i></p> <p><i>A.M.</i></p> <p><i>Jan. 8</i></p>		
<p>(Action completed.)</p> <p><i>PC/12/1</i></p>	<p>(Index.)</p> <p><i>PC/12/1</i></p>	
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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel.  
No. 45.

D. 9.39 p.m. 5th January, 1948.

R. 3.25 a.m. 6th January, 1948.

5th January, 1948

Repeated to Jerusalem

Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 45 of  
5th January, repeated to Jerusalem.

According to press reports accidental dropping of one of 26 cases being loaded aboard American export liner "Executor" in Jersey City on 3rd January disclosed that these cases contained an estimated 65,000 lbs. weight of T.N.T. probably purchased as surplus war material. Shipment was marked on export declaration as being sent from Oved Trading Company of Tel Aviv to Haboreg Limited also of Tel Aviv. Consignment was delivered at pier in lorry listed as belonging to Hoffman Trucking Company of Belleville New Jersey the President of which denied that there was any record of such a consignment but he said that he dealt with someone named Alper (who shares a flat with Don Pines Palestinian journalist working for Davar at 510 West 112th Street, New York City) when renting his lorries two or three times a month to a firm named "Machinery Processing and Converting Company" (possible address 256 West 58th Street New York City), on searching a warehouse apparently used by this firm at 4366 Park Avenue Bronx the police are reported to have found a considerable supply of what appeared to be explosives and machinery for their manufacture and of radio equipment. The warehouse is reported to be owned by Julius Chender of 123 West 74th Street, New York City who according to his parents is working in Paris. Stencils found at the warehouse indicated shipments of goods to Palestine, South Africa and Brazil and to a toy firm in England and business cards belonging to Philip Alper were also found.

2. The press also reports that another consignment of fifty-one cases labelled like the first "used industrial machinery" were also ready for shipment on the same ship. A cursory examination was said to have disclosed that the machinery was suited to the manufacture of arms and ammunition. These cases were listed as being sent from the Mar-Tech Trading Company of New York City to the Palestine Glass Works Phoenicia Limited in Haifa. The names of the shippers and owners of these two consignments are stated to be as yet unknown.

3. Please see my immediately following telegram.

Foreign Office please repeat to Jerusalem as my telegram 4.

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Office for repetition to Jerusalem]

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Registry Number } E 267/193/31 <b>TELEGRAM FROM</b> No. Lord Renshaw Dated Washington Received in Registry } 47 6 Jan 7 -		Explorers for Palestine Refer to item E 267/193/31 from report two other ships of American report the 'Exekelis' and the 'Exford' on route in Palestine waters. Suggest check to see whether any cargo aboard are assigned to the firms mentioned in list under sp. Should they be loaded at a Palestine Port ADDRESSED JERUSALEM no 6.			
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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Lord Inverchapel. D. 12.22 p.m. 6th January, 1948.  
No. 47.  
6th January, 1948. R. 5.28 p.m. 6th January, 1948.

IMPORTANT.

Addressed to Jerusalem telegram No. 6,  
January 6th, repeated Foreign Office.

(Foreign Office please pass)

Confidential.

My telegram to Foreign Office No. 45:  
Explosives for Palestine.

Press reports that two other American  
Export Line ships, the "Exchequer" and the  
"Exford" are now in Palestine waters.  
Although we have no reason to suspect this  
company, you may wish to see whether any  
cases aboard them are consigned to the firms  
mentioned in my telegram under reference,  
should they unload at a Palestine port.

[Copies sent to Telegraph Section,  
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TELEGRAM FROM

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Explosives for Political  
Reference to 45 (E 252/193/31) according to  
New York Times. Federal authorities have reported  
renewal of P.A.T. and all cases will be examined  
by local customs authorities.  
Given further particulars of organization of  
the explosives.

Last Paper.

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Lord Inverchapel D. 9. 30 p.m. 7th January, 1948.  
No. 83  
7th January, 1948. R. 3. 20 a.m. 8th January, 1948.

Repeated to Jerusalem

Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 83 repeated to Jerusalem.

My telegram No. 45.

According to a New York Times report of 7th January federal authorities have seized consignment of T.N.T. and all cases will be examined by local customs authorities.

2. Owner of trucking company informed reporters that he had been dealing with Alper for about a year but had previously only taken cases from the Bronx warehouse to the pier. On the 27th December Alper asked him to send three lorries to a place in Pennsylvania for a load. On arrival there on 29th December they were conducted by a man known to them as Moe Wolferson one of the owners of the Bronx warehouse to what appeared to be a deserted summer camp on a by-road some thirty miles away and about 75 miles from Jersey City. In a near-by barn they loaded 23 (not 26) cases which were concealed in hay. New York Times report stated further that Oved Trading Company and Mar-Tech Export Company used mailing addresses on West 42nd Street New York City, the former's name was registered for Awadji Yoselevitch of 334 Rugby Road Brooklyn on 21st October. He was said to have left for Palestine late in October. The latter firm's name was registered for Nahaman Yordani of the same address on the same date.

Foreign Office please pass to Jerusalem as my telegram No. 7.

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<p>Registry Number <i>E482/193/31</i></p> <p>TELEGRAM FROM <i>Lord Laverghat</i></p> <p>No. <i>Washington</i></p> <p>Dated <i>137</i></p> <p>Received in Registry <i>10 Jan 12</i></p>	<p><i>Explosives for Palestine</i></p> <p><i>After action of 83 (E367/193/31). From reports that following receipt of further consignments of explosives from a firm in New York and from former on the road in New York State, the War Administration in the New York area has placed an embargo on all undeclared orders of surplus explosives. For further particulars.</i></p>	
<p>Last Paper.</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;"><i>367</i></p>	<p>(Minutes.)</p> <p><i>N.A. Dug...</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>8-73. 121</i></p>	
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D. 4.10 p.m. 10th January, 1948

R. 9.40 p.m. 10th January, 1948

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Jerusalem.

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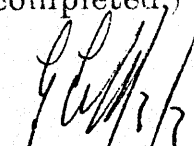

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Registry Number <b>E1089/193/31</b> <b>TELEGRAM FROM</b> <b>U.K. 2261</b> No. <b>New York</b> Dated <b>183</b> Received in Registry <b>24 Jan 26 -</b>	<b>Supply of arms to Arab forces.</b> Refers New York 161 (E935/4/31) Philippines Ref. raised question of supply of arms by 11/11/48 to Arab forces. Commission were informed that there were being supplied under long standing agreement. Proposed to send them list of 4000 to American no 579. who provides details of supply allegations.	
Last Paper. <b>1058</b>	(Minutes.) N.Y. are now informed of the Minister 7 Refers reply to a p.p. on this subject.	
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(From United Kingdom Delegation to United Nations) 26 JAN 1948

No. 183

D. 12.53 p.m. 24th January 1948

24th January 1948

R. 5.59 p.m. 24th January 1948

Repeated to Washington (Saving)

IMPORTANT

GLANT

Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 183 of  
24th January repeated for information saving to Washington.

Palestine.

During meeting with Commission reported in my telegram  
No. 181, Philippine Delegation raised question of supply of  
arms by His Majesty's Government to Governments of Arab States.  
Commission were informed in reply that such commitments  
as were at present being fulfilled derived from long-standing  
treaty engagements with certain States. Commission seemed  
satisfied with this reply, but to supplement it I propose  
to send them text of Parliamentary Question and Answer  
given in your telegram to Amman No. 579.

2. In case matter is raised again it would be useful  
to know whether there is any further information I could  
give Commission in confidence, e.g. on lines of your  
telegrams Nos. 5917 to me and 11795 to Washington. I should  
in any case be grateful for details, including dates, of  
treaty obligations referred to and any important commitments  
now outstanding.

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Registry Number <i>E1550/173/31</i> TELEGRAM FROM No. <i>Lord Gowerdopel</i> Dated <i>Washington</i> Received in Registry <i>522</i> <i>2 Feb</i> <i>3</i>	<i>Munitions for Palestine</i> <i>Refer W. 4m til 395 (E1058/193/21)</i> <i>Further F.B.I. investigations confirm report</i> <i>of G/F at New York, although it appears that the</i> <i>'Neck Brown' is no longer involved.</i> <i>from particular of F.B.I. findings.</i>	
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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Lord Inverchapel.

No. 522.

D. 11.0 p.m. 2nd February, 1948.

2nd February, 1948.

R. 4.17 a.m. 3rd February, 1948.

Repeated to Jerusalem.

SECRET.

Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 522 of 2nd February, 1948 repeated to Jerusalem.

My telegram No. 595. *E1058/1948*

Munitions for Palestine.

F.B.I. investigations confirm the substance of the report of His Majesty's Consul General at New York, although it now appears that the Noah Brown is no longer involved, since she is not now routed to Palestine owing to congestion at Tel Aviv.

2. F.B.I. state that Max Ravenoff (not Rabinoff as stated in my telegram under reference), who is associated with a Jacob Rose, approached Stevenson Line last December and asked for space on the Noah Brown for 200 tons of "textile plant equipment". This was refused despite the fact that Ravenoff insisted he represented large financial interests and would shortly be shipping large cargoes to Palestine.

3. On 28th January Ravenoff informed Stevenson Line that he had found the necessary space on another ship, but did not disclose its name or line. He made a second request, however, for space for further 200 tons of "miscellaneous equipment" on the Stevenson ship "Ellen Horn", due to leave New York for Palestine on 28th February. He also reserved a passage for one passenger. United States customs are to examine ships cargo before sailing.

4. F.B.I. also interviewed Kersten of Kersten Shipping Agency who stated that Rose and Ravenoff had told an official of the Pacific Mediterranean Line of their intention to obtain an agency to compete with the Atia Navigation Company, Haifa. Latter is controlled by Kersten.

5. Investigations show nothing suspicious about Ravenoff's bank account. Rose was due to leave on s.s. "Saturnia" on 20th December but there is no record of his departure. *30 Aug 1948*  
described as a wealthy Palestinian.

Foreign Office please pass to Jerusalem as my telegram 29.  
[Copy sent to C.O. for repetition to Jerusalem].  
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Zionist Importation of Explosives into Palestine  
transmit copy of letter from AIZAM MARIHA  
enclosing letter from Jaffa Chamber of  
Commerce, expressing apprehension of the  
possible importation by branch of H.E.  
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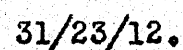
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BRITISH MIDDLE EAST OFFICE,  
10 SHARIA TO UMBAT,  
CAIRO  
23 FEB 1948  
16th February, 1948.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith the copy of a letter I have received from H.E. Abdurrahman Pasha Azzam, Secretary General of the Arab League, together with its enclosure.

I have acknowledged receipt of the letter without comment.

I am sending a copy of this letter and enclosures to the High Commissioner, Jerusalem.

I have the honour to be  
With the highest respect,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient, humble Servant,

The Right Honourable Ernest Bevin, M.P.,  
His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State  
for Foreign Affairs,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

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Commercial Chamber - Jaffa,  
Palestine.

Tel. 292 - P.O.B. 238 Jaffa.

Ref. IK A5

Jaffa, 11th. January, 1948.

H.E. Chairman,  
Arab League Nations,  
Cairo.  
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I beg with due respect to inform you that the Administrative Council of this Chamber had an important meeting on 9.1.48 in which they discussed the question of the Jewish attempt to smuggle explosives from America whereupon they issued the following decision:-

The Chamber should contact Your Excellency with a view to communicate with the Palestinian Government or with B.T., G.H.Q., M.E. to impress upon them the necessity of maintaining strict control on Tel Aviv and Haifa Ports, not to leave it to the control of the Jewish Powers as it is the case now in Tel Aviv, to prevent the arrival from America or Europe of some of the explosives which will doubtless be used in the destruction of Arab Towns and Villages in Palestine and perhaps in the Brother Arab countries.

Trusting that this serious event will receive due consideration.

President.

Jaffa Commercial Chamber.

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Cairo.

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Dear Brigadier Clayton,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) A. R. Azzam.

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Major C. de B de Lisle. 11 H.

24 FEB 1948

THE WAR OFFICE,  
WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

TOP SECRET and PERSONAL.

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24 FEB 1948  
21 February, 1948.

Ext/28/MI3a/48

Dear *Deber*

I understand that at a recent meeting at the Foreign Office you asked Lieut.-Colonel Charteris for information on the types and quantities of arms belonging to the Jews

- a) which we believe the Jews still to possess;
- b) which we have unearthed in Palestine.

I am enclosing an advance copy of a telegram which Middle East sent in reply to these questions and which will I think be of assistance to you. You will, of course, receive a formal copy in the normal manner.

Yours *Swiger*  
*de Lisle*

H. Beeley, Esq., C.B.E.,  
Eastern Section,  
Foreign Office.

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From:- C in C MHP  
To:- War Office

Recd. 19 Feb 48.  
D.T.O. 190900B Feb.

IMMEDIATE

TOP SECRET. 57295/GI.

Your cipher 07242/HI3(A) of 10 Feb.

One. Arms in Jewish possession. No accurate rpt accurate estimate available here or Palestine. But based on recent report believed reliable listing arms in possession of 24 Jewish settlements totalling 8115 population and with total estimated rural settlement population of 165000 arrive following total for whole country. Rifles 52000 automatics 7300 mortars 3000. This excludes urban population undetermined number of which could be armed but certainly less well equipped than settlements.

Two. Recent information shows Hagana intend organise 15000 first line fully equipped troops with 23000 second line support troops and 42500 third line guard personnel. On basis para one adequate arms exist settlement for first and second line forces. Third line guard personnel may comprise mainly urban population. We have always reckoned total Hagana of 80500 could be armed. For I I I and Stern no basis for assessment available. Total memberships not less 3000.

Three. Arms captured from Jews largest seizure was under operation Agatha at Yagur settlement on 29-30 June 1946 when 222 rifles 78 pistols 94 locally manufactured 2. inch mortars and miscellaneous automatics unearthed. Since then arms seizures not on large scale. Following quantities officially recorded as seized between 30 Nov 47 and 15 Feb 48. Rifles 322 pistols 134 shotguns 151 revolvers 39 pistols 143 grenades 500 2.5 inch 7 mortars 5 Vercy pistols 2 rounds ammunition 88073 mortar bombs 87 gelignite sticks 112. But note general policy has not provided for systematic widespread searching for arms.

Message control.

3 advance copies to H.I.3(a) at 2100 hrs 19/2/48. 1 copy to be returned to Message Control, Room 016, with distribution.

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24 FEB 1948



British Embassy,  
Lisbon.

20th February, 1948.

SECRET

218/1/48

No. 36 ✓

Sir,

I have the honour to report that the Portuguese Minister for Foreign Affairs, when I called on him yesterday, said that he wished His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to know of an attempt made by a firm in Lisbon to purchase a large consignment of arms in Canada.

2. The Lisbon firm in question, "Sicla Limitada", is directed by three Jews, two with Polish names and one with a German. One of the Poles was formerly Polish Consul here for about ten years. A representative of this firm recently approached the Portuguese Consular Offices in New York and Montreal with the request that they should certify as bona fide the purchase by the firm of arms and ammunition in Canada to the value of something slightly over one million Canadian dollars. The consignment, of which Dr. Caeiro da Matta showed me the list, consisted not only of .303 Enfield rifles and small arms ammunition, but also P.I.A.T. guns and ammunition and even mountain artillery and ammunition. Naturally nothing was said by the intending purchasers of the destination of the consignment. But from the character of the purchasers and the nature of the consignment, it was abundantly clear that the destination was Palestine. The Portuguese Government, informed by their Consular representatives in the United States and Canada of the request made to them by Sicla, at once gave instructions that no documents should be issued to the purchasers. They have also placed the Lisbon offices of Sicla under surveillance and are making further enquiries into the firm's activities in general.

3. I thanked Dr. Caeiro da Matta for communicating this interesting piece of information. I said that there would no doubt be many such attempts to place orders for arms in various American countries now that the United States Government was placing obstacles in the way of the export of arms from the United States. I was sure that His Majesty's Government would be grateful to the Portuguese Government for the very helpful attitude which they had taken up.

4. It would give particular gratification if I were authorised to give a personal message of thanks from you to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister of War. If this is to be done, the sooner the better and I venture to suggest that I may be authorised by telegram to convey such a message.

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The Right Honourable  
Ernest Bevin, M.P.,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S. W. 1.

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5. Meanwhile I am causing such enquiries to be made as I can through the appropriate channels and, if anything of interest comes to light, I will report further on the status and activities of Messrs. Sicla.

I have the honour to be, with great truth and respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

N. Ronald

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Your despatch No. 36 [of  
Feb. 20 : purchase of  
arms for Palestine]

Please convey  
personal message of  
thanks as proposed

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In clair  
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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO LISBON.

DEPARTMENTAL.

No. 88.

1st March, 1948.

D. 7.50 p.m. 1st March, 1948.

Your despatch No. 36 [of February 20th: purchase of  
arms for Palestine].

Please convey personal message of thanks as proposed.

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26 FEB 1948

3081

Smuggling of explosives into Palestine.  
Report to You, at 226 (EY46/193/31) C of 168  
men arrested, pleaded guilty on 14 Feb. to charges  
involving the perjury of police report declaration  
The Judge suspended sentence but put men on  
probation for a year with stipulation that they  
did not have to report to a probation officer.  
Judge told men to repress their act go a ranch  
and cultivate and, but not criminal class no  
fast sentence as fine.

(Minutes.)

It looks from this as if  
we shall be lucky if the  
deluge doesn't start before  
we get out.

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BRITISH EMBASSY.

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

18th February, 1948.

Ref: 3/80/48  
CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Department,

Please refer to our telegram No. 12 to Jerusalem (repeated to you as No. 226) 26th 1948 January about shipments of explosives to Palestine.

2. According to the press, 6 of the 8 men arrested in connexion with this affair pleaded guilty on the 17th February in a Federal Court in New York to charges involving the forging of false export declarations. The Judge suspended sentence but put the men on probation for a year with the stipulation that they did not have to report to a probation officer but were not to violate any law of any kind during that period.

3. He told the men that he regarded their act as a rash and impulsive one, but that it had not been committed for personal gain or profit. They had been trying to provide means of defence to otherwise helpless people.

4. There are many who feel, the Judge continued, that aid of this kind should be extended to others similarly situated in other countries and lands. But if all American citizens who entertained these thoughts were to ship arms to them, a grave and chaotic situation would result. In the conduct of its international affairs the American Government was accomplishing much in its efforts to right those wrongs and remedy those conditions. It was the duty of every loyal citizen to assist the American Government in this work by not embarrassing

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Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office,  
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it. The Judge added that he did not regard the men as criminals and would not, therefore, impose any jail sentence. He felt, too, that the imposition of a fine would serve no useful purpose.

5. This judgment is hardly likely to discourage further attempts to ship arms to Palestine, and it would be interesting to know whether the Judge was acting on advice from higher up. This is probably the case. It seems, therefore, that the law can be broken with impunity if a sufficiently emotional atmosphere has been generated. This case shows, too, that, however cooperative the State Department may now be prepared to be in matters of this kind, no effective action is ever likely to result.

6. We are sending a copy of this letter to Jerusalem.

Yours ever,

CHANCERY.

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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

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Lord Inverchapel. D. 4.10 a.m. 23rd March, 1948.  
No. 1378.  
22nd March, 1948. R. 10.40 a.m. 23rd March, 1948.  
Repeated Saving to Port au Prince, Ciudad Trujillo and  
Santiago for information.

SECRET

Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 1378 of March 22nd repeated Saving to Port au Prince, Ciudad Trujillo and Santiago for information.

Your telegram No. 3136 - Munitions for Palestine.

This has been discussed with Near Eastern Division of State Department and the Department's representative on Arms Policy Committee, who have promised sympathetic consideration and are looking into question without delay. They will go through recent exports to places concerned "with a fine tooth-comb" and hope to let us know what they think can be done within a few days.

2. Meanwhile, His Majesty's Consul at Norfolk has reported that repairs to the "Attu" started at the beginning of the year with locally recruited labour and not shipyard personnel. They are expected to be complete in about two weeks. Deputy Collector of Customs has promised to let Consul know as soon as ship's certificate of registry is issued. Captain Pratt of Pratt Steamship Line applied to Lloyds's agent soon after 1st March for charts from Norfolk to Buenos Aires with harbour charts of Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires, from Le Havre to Gibraltar with harbour charts of Le Havre and Bordeaux from Gibraltar to the Bight of Biafra with harbour charts of Dakar, Sierra Leone and Gold Coast and for Mediterranean from Gibraltar round northern shore to Genoa through Straits of Messina across southern part of Greece to Istanbul (Constantinople) (not Adriatic), thence round eastern shore of Mediterranean to Alexandria with harbour chart of Haifa, thence to Gibraltar round North coast of Africa. Consul at Norfolk, is being asked to request Lloyds agent not to provide charts if latter has not already done so.

3. Norfolk newspaper report of 20th March stated that libels totalling about dollars 21,000 had been filed against ship and Pratt Steamship Line for materials provided and unpaid wages for ships licensed engineers. According to this report, ship was expected to move into midstream for completion of repairs, but engineers aboard had said that she could not now furnish her own motive power and had no bunkers. In view of libel she can now legally move or be moved only if bend is put up.

4. Report continues that her old "island" has been moved on to former forward elevator. Both flight and hangar decks are intact and there has been no major change in her

/wartime compartmentation

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wartime compartmentation and fixtures. Although Captain Pratt has again said that she would load locomotives and heavy material through her stern over tracks from pier, no port has been opened through her stern nor have her original side ports which are large to accommodate only supplies and small cargo, been enlarged.

3. Naval Attaché would be grateful if you would pass this information to Director of Naval Intelligence as soon as possible.

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TELEGRAM FROM  
Mr. Dixon  
PRAGUE

No. 385

Dated 1st April  
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Illegal Arms for Palestine.

Gives particulars of landing of a Skymaster aircraft NC 58,021 with American markings and carrying an American crew at Prague, which after taking on a large cargo flew off again. Crew were interrogated when plane re-appeared at Prague, they stated that aircraft was the property of one Mr. Cox but that it had been chartered in Paris by a Mr. Abs Cooper, plane had flown direct from Prague to Palestine with Mr. Cooper on board, Traffic in illegal arms is suspected. Asks Palestine to verify crew's statement.

Addressed Palestine No. 1. of April 1st.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

!!P distribution is being carried out (Prague Immigration).  
Repeated also to Washington,  
"Please copy to W.K. Del., N.York".  
We had better await Jerusalem reply before taking any further action. But this is interesting as the first case of the kind we have definite news of. It is the sort of thing we feared Skyways might become involved in if they took up with Palestine Airways.

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Northern Dept.

H. S. Bent  
Apr. 2nd

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NB Held up for Jerusalem report - see Plug B JB

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REPETITION OF TELEGRAMS

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(1) TELEGRAM SECTION,  
FOREIGN OFFICE.

Please repeat to the posts shown below telegram No. 385

from Prague dated Apr. 1st

Washington No. 3637 (Date) Apr 2nd  
~~(please pass to UK)~~ No. 1376  
U.K. Del. N. York No.....

En clair (Signed) J. S. Beunt  
Codo (Dept.) Eastern  
Cypher (Date) Apr. 2

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FROM PRAGUE TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Dixon,  
No. 385  
1st April, 1948.

D. 7.46 p.m. 1st April, 1948.  
R. 10.25 p.m. 1st April, 1948.

E 4161

IMMEDIATE  
SECRET

2 APR 1948

Addressed to High Commissioner Jerusalem, telegram No. 1 of April 1st, repeated to Foreign Office and Paris.

A Skymaster aircraft with American markings and numbered NC 58,021 and carrying an American crew landed yesterday at Prague and after taking a large cargo on board flew off again. The suspicions of the American Embassy were aroused by the fact that the aircraft's flight had not been signalled from anywhere and by the fact that the loading of the cargo was supervised by Czechoslovak police. When the aircraft reappeared at Prague airport this morning they therefore summoned the crew to the American Embassy and questioned them.

2. The crew stated that the aircraft was the property of an American citizen Mr. Cox but that it had been chartered in Paris to a Mr. Abs Cooper who they believed to be a British subject. The cargo which they had picked up at Prague the previous day had been shown on the manifesto as "surgical instruments and small tools" though they presumed that in fact it was arms and ammunition. It had weighed about 7 tons. They had flown yesterday direct from Prague to Palestine, had landed at Beit Darras airfield at 2230Z (March 31st) and after unloading had flown off again to Prague at 0015Z on April 1st. Mr. Cooper accompanied them on the whole flight from Paris to Palestine and back to Prague.

3. Aircraft took off again to Paris this afternoon but without Mr. Cooper. We have tried but so far failed to get into touch with him in order to check the crew's story.

4. We should be grateful if you would let us know urgently:

(a) Whether the aircraft did in fact land at the place and time mentioned by the crew.

(b) Whether it had/...

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(b) Whether it had proper clearance to land,  
and would appreciate any other information or comments.

5. It is clear from what the crew said and  
from what we ourselves and the Americans observed  
at the airport today that the whole operation was  
conducted with the connivance of the Czechoslovak  
authorities.

Please pass to Jerusalem (Immediate) and Paris  
as my telegrams Nos. 1 and 18 respectively.

[Repeated to Paris and copies sent to Colonial  
Office for repetition to Jerusalem].

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat].

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Eastern Dept.

Mr Beith

Please see the 4/6's minute: 37

"Report in this urgency"

could you please submit a note to the S/S.

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FROM PRAGUE TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Dixon,  
No. 385  
1st April, 1948.

D. 7.46 p.m. 1st April, 1948.

R. 10.25 p.m. 1st April, 1948.

IMMEDIATE  
SECRET

*Report in this urgency*  
Addressed to High Commissioner Jerusalem, telegram No. 1 of April 1st, repeated to Foreign Office and Paris.

1. A Skymaster aircraft with American markings and numbered NC 58,021 and carrying an American crew landed yesterday at Prague and after taking a large cargo on board flew off again. The suspicions of the American Embassy were aroused by the fact that the aircraft's flight had not been signalled from anywhere and by the fact that the loading of the cargo was supervised by Czechoslovak police. When the aircraft reappeared at Prague airport this morning they therefore summoned the crew to the American Embassy and questioned them.

2. The crew stated that the aircraft was the property of an American citizen Mr. Cox but that it had been chartered in Paris to a Mr. Abs Cooper who they believed to be a British subject. The cargo which they had picked up at Prague the previous day had been shown on the manifesto as "surgical instruments and small tools" though they presumed that in fact it was arms and ammunition. It had weighed about 7 tons. They had flown yesterday direct from Prague to Palestine, had landed at Beit Darras airfield at 2230Z (March 31st) and after unloading had flown off again to Prague at 0015Z on April 1st. Mr. Cooper accompanied them on the whole flight from Paris to Palestine and back to Prague.

3. Aircraft took off again to Paris this afternoon but without Mr. Cooper. We have tried but so far failed to get into touch with him in order to check the crew's story.

4. We should be grateful if you would let us know urgently:

(a) Whether the aircraft did in fact land at the place and time mentioned by the crew.

(b) Whether it had/...

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Prague telegram No.385 to Foreign Office.

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(b) Whether it had proper clearance to land, and would appreciate any other information or comments.

5. It is clear from what the crew said and from what we ourselves and the Americans observed at the airport today that the whole operation was conducted with the connivance of the Czechoslovak authorities.

Please pass to Jerusalem (Immediate) and Paris  
as my telegrams Nos. 1 and 18 respectively.

[Repeated to Paris and copies sent to Colonial Office for repetition to Jerusalem].

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat].

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Munitions for Palestine	
Last Paper. E 3834	(Minutes.) <p>The State Department have taken prompt action in this matter and I doubt if there is very much which our representatives can usefully do in addition to this. Nor have the State Department made any suggestions as to the action which we might take.</p> <p>In the circumstances I suggest that our representatives should merely be instructed to keep in touch with their United States colleagues and cooperate as far as possible in making representations with the local Governments. I attach a draft telegram.</p> <p>NA. Dept. Just  S.L. Dept. 21 Apr 1948</p> <p>J.G.S. Beith.  6th April, 1948.</p> <p>The action proposed seems fairly sufficient. When will presumably let us know if the State Dept's draft instructions are substantially altered before they issue to the posts concerned.</p> <p>Rel. sent 6/10.</p>
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Lord Inverchapel. D. 10.35 p.m. 2nd April, 1948.  
No. 1593.  
2nd April, 1948. R. 3.00 a.m. 3rd April, 1948.

Repeated to Port au Prince and Ciudad Trujillo. *Luzes*

IMPORTANT.  
SECRET.

Addressed to F.O. telegram No. 1593 of 2nd April,  
repeated for information to Port au Prince and Ciudad Trujillo.

My telegram 1378, *E/C*

Munitions for Palestine.

State Department have shown us draft of telegram which is to be sent when approved to United States Embassies at Buenos Aires, Port au Prince and Ciudad Trujillo. United States representatives will be asked to call the attention of the governments concerned to the request made by the Security Council on 8th March that all governments and peoples should try to prevent or reduce the disorders in Palestine. They will then say that, in accordance with this request, an embargo was placed by the United States government on export of arms to Palestine and the Arab States and also to third countries where there was reason to believe that trans-shipment to Palestine might take place. Reference will then be made to pending requests by the governments concerned for United States arms. It will be pointed out that, in view of the United States governments commitment to the Security Council, United States agreement to these requests is hampered when seemingly reliable reports are on record that the purchasing country is exporting arms to Palestine and the Arab States, even though such arms may not have originated in the United States.

2. State Department hope to get approval for this draft very shortly, and they will probably incorporate in it some mention of the Security Council resolution of 1st April urging a truce in Palestine.

5. State Department added that the Arms Policy Committee would now look very carefully into arms export licenses for Central and South America to see whether the amounts requested showed any increase over normal requirements.

F.O. please repeat to Port au Prince and Ciudad Trujillo as my telegrams Nos. 2 and 3 respectively.

[Repeated to Port au Prince and Ciudad Trujillo].

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(Date) *April 7*

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*J. Benin*  
*APR 6*

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Addressed to Port au Prince telegram

No. 14 of April 7<sup>th</sup> and Ciudad

Trujillo, repeated for information to

Washington. *N.P.* Washington telegrams Nos.

1378 and 1593 *to me* of March 22 and April 2.

Munitions for Palestine.]

You should keep in touch with your

United States colleague in this matter

and join with him at your discretion in

any representations to the Government

to which you are accredited requesting

them to prevent the arms traffic to

Palestine via their country.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PORT AU PRINCE

No. 14

7th April 1948

D. 2.30 p.m. 8th April 1948.

and to Ciudad Trujillo No. 21

Repeated to Washington No. 5348.

SECRET.

Addressed to Port au Prince telegram No. 14 of April 7th and Ciudad Trujillo, repeated for information to Washington.

Washington telegrams Nos. 1378 and 1593 to me [of March 22nd and April 2nd: Munitions for Palestine].

You should keep in touch with your United States colleague in this matter and join with him at your discretion in any representations to the Government to which you are accredited requesting them to prevent the arms traffic to Palestine via their country.

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FROM  
F. Mayell  
House of Lords

No. to Mr. Cable

Dated

Received in Registry | 2nd April  
6th "Possible action against Arms carrying ships.

Encloses copy of note by the Lord Chancellor entitled "Arrest on the High Seas of Ships Carrying Arms and Ammunition to Palestine" which discusses the legal aspect of any contemplated action.

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## Next Paper

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see 9/4 (Minutes)

Mr Vincent Evans first

Bu. Apr. 16

for Mr Evans

Mr. Evans who is an  
palest. abroad. would not  
doubt like to see on his return  
- about middle of April

J. J. Evans  
Apr. 7

JB Apr 10

With all respect I doubt whether the arrest of a ship carrying arms & ammunition to Palestine is a matter which should be reported to the Security Council under Article 51 of the Charter - see para. 8 of the Lord Chancellor's opinion - unless of course the carriage of arms by the ship was part of an "armed attack" on Palestine.

Mr. Beckett wishes me to review the position as regards arrest of ships on the high seas in the light of the recent Privy Council judgment concerning an illegal immigrant ship. He has asked Eastern Dept. to obtain a copy of the judgment and I shall be grateful if Eastern Dept. will send these papers back to me together with all other relevant papers when the judgment has been received.

Mr Evans  
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BE QUOTED



HOUSE OF LORDS,  
S.W.1

2nd April, 1948.

E 4284

6 APR 1948

Dear Cable,

I send you a copy of a Note by the  
Lord Chancellor which I have sent to Dodds  
of the Admiralty, following his letter to me  
of the 19th March in which he asked that the  
question of possible action against ships  
which might be carrying arms and ammunition  
to Palestine should be submitted for the  
Lord Chancellor's views.

Yours sincerely,

F. Mayall

M. P. P. P. P. P.

J. E. Cable, Esq.

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Arrest on the High Seas of Ships Carrying  
Arms and Ammunition to Palestine

Note by the Lord Chancellor

At the end of 1946 the First Lord of the Admiralty asked the Cabinet to agree to authority being given to Officers commanding H.M. Ships to arrest on the high seas ships of unrecognised flags and ships with no identifiable Master and crew. In a Note of the 18th December 1946 (C.P.(46) 483) I advised that the action proposed could not be justified in International Law and I observed that, since we are seeking to rely on the principles of International Law in other fields we should consider carefully what re-actions our policy in this respect is likely to have elsewhere. It was accordingly decided against the proposal and it was subsequently decided to try a policy of peaceful persuasion which, however, proved unsuccessful. In April, 1947, owing to the very serious situation in Palestine, it was decided that H.M. Ships should be authorised to arrest on the high seas any illegal immigrant ship whose flag State agreed to interception.

2. I am now asked if there would be any objection to the arrest on the high seas as a measure of self-defence of ships carrying arms and ammunition. The proposal is to apply, as I understand it, both up to the 15th May of this year and also after that date when British jurisdiction in Palestine ends and up to the time when British troops leave the country.

3. In support of the proposal, reference has been made to a passage in my Note of the 18th December 1946 referred to above, in which I stated:

"The most which can be said juridically in favour of the action proposed by the First Lord of the Admiralty is that in certain instances it could be justified on grounds of self-preservation. If it could be shown that a particular ship carrying immigrants was loaded with arms and ammunition, we might attempt to justify our action before an International Court on the ground that the importation of the arms and ammunition would lead to civil war. I think we should be most unwise, however, to attempt to rely on the presumed existence of a right of this kind - the implications of which are exceedingly uncertain."

It would I think be wrong to say that this shows conclusively that there would be no objection to the arrest on the high seas as a measure of self-defence of ships carrying arms and ammunition. The passage merely stated the most favourable legal argument which could be advanced in certain circumstances and if we are now to justify in International Law the proposal which has been made, we must consider whether, in particular circumstances, we are justified in the proposed course on the basis of self-preservation.

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4. It is generally agreed that the right of self-preservation exists in cases of necessity only and the position is summarised in Oppenheim Vol. 1 at pages 265 and 266, where it is stated that:

".....It becomes more and more recognised that violations of other States in the interest of self-preservation are excused in cases of necessity only..... If an imminent violation, or a continuation of an already commenced violation, can be prevented and redressed otherwise than by a violation of another State on the part of the endangered State, this latter violation is not necessary and therefore not excused and justified."

When these questions were considered on the previous occasion it was noted that the Americans have generally been opposed to any interference with ships of a foreign State on the high seas. The U.S.A. has, however, relied on the right of self-preservation on at least two occasions. In the case of "Amelia Island" (1817) when President Monroe directed that an American vessel of war should proceed to that Island which was Spanish Territory, and was being used by a band of buccaneers who preyed indiscriminately on the commerce of Spain and the U.S.A., and in the First World War when the U.S. dispatched several expeditionary forces into Mexico during the Civil war in that country for the purpose of protecting American citizens and their property and punishing violations of American sovereignty. In the "I'm Alone" case the United States were themselves ordered to pay heavy damages to Canada because a Canadian liquor-running ship was seized on the high seas by a United States ship and a scuffle ensued in which the "I'm Alone" was sunk. One of the best-known cases of self-preservation is that of the "Virginia" which sailed from Jamaica in 1873 flying the American flag and carrying men and munitions to the Cuban insurgents. She was captured on the high seas by a Spanish warship, brought into Cuba and several people on board, some of whom were British and American nationals, were summarily tried by court-martial and executed. Great Britain made no complaint about the seizure of the vessel or the detention of those on board. Our complaint related merely to the treatment of the prisoners. The United States, however, demanded reparation on the ground that its rights had been violated by the arrest of the ship on the high seas whilst flying an American flag. It was found that the registration of the ship was, in fact, fraudulent and she was not entitled to fly the American flag. However, the U.S. Attorney-General expressed the opinion that she was as much exempt from interference on the high seas as if she had been properly registered, and as Hall says, in taking up this position the United States in effect denied the right of doing any acts of self-protection upon the high seas in time of peace in excess of ordinary peace rights (Hall's International Law, page 329.) Oppenheim

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quotes Mr. Webster, the American Secretary of State as having defined the necessity which would be an excuse for an interference with the ship of another State as being "instant" overwhelming, and leaving no choice of means and no moment for deliberation."

5. I think we should be fully justified in relying on the existence of the right of self-preservation in certain circumstances, but it is as well to note the attitude which has fairly consistently been adopted by the U.S.A.

6. It is extremely doubtful what the situation will be in Palestine when British jurisdiction ends on the 15th May. If we want to arrest a ship after that date which is carrying arms and ammunition, it could only be to avert an impending injury to our own troops or property in Palestine. It is arguable that any disturbances in Palestine or any conflict there between the Jews and Arabs is a menace to our own security, but I think it is right to note that the quantity of our own troops and property will, day by day, be decreasing and presumably confined to more and more limited areas; I therefore feel that it would be increasingly difficult to establish that our own security is threatened, by the importation into Palestine of arms and ammunition, so as to justify us in arresting a ship on the high seas in exercise of the right of self-preservation.

7. There is a further argument which would doubtless be advanced in the event of any dispute, namely, that the impending danger in the case of a ship carrying arms and ammunition is not so imminent as in the case of a ship carrying armed men. I do not myself feel that this is a very substantial point, but it is no doubt one that might add to our difficulties in certain circumstances.

8. If it is decided to arrest ships carrying arms and ammunition to Palestine we ought, in each case, to appeal to the State at which the ships are loaded or to the flag State. Such appeals have, I believe, often been ignored in the past but should, nevertheless, be made if an arrest is contemplated, and if an arrest is undertaken it should immediately be reported to the Security Council under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations and should also be reported to the flag State (see Hall p.168.)

9. I quite understand that it may well be very desirable to prevent the importation into Palestine of arms and ammunition, but if we decide on this course it is right that we should do so with a full understanding of the implications in International Law, and I am bound to say that though I feel we might succeed in justifying an arrest so long as we retained the mandate, I feel that when our jurisdiction in Palestine ends and our troops and property are moved from Palestine it will rapidly become more difficult to do so.

1st April, 1948.

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PALESTINE

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TELEGRAM FROM

Mr. Dixon

No. PRAGUE

418

Dated

9th April

Received 12th  
in RegistryIllegal arms for Palestine, Skymaster aircraft.

Refers Jerusalem telegram No, 868, Have passed information on th the American Embassy since they were anxious to be able to confirm the story of the crew. There are no grounds on which representations can be made to the Czechoslovak authorities, the evidence that they connived at illegal shipment of arms to Palestine is purely circumstantial and they will certainly deny the charge.

Last Paper.

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Mr. Dixon

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9th April, 1948

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New York (U.K. Del.)  
Jerusalem

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 418.  
April 9th repeated to Washington, United Kingdom Delegation  
New York, and Jerusalem.

Jerusalem telegram No. 868. Illegal flight of  
Skymaster aircraft.

We have passed the information in paragraph 1 on  
to the American Embassy since they were anxious to be able  
to confirm the story told to them by the crew.

2. There are no grounds on which I can make  
representations to Czechoslovak authorities. The  
evidence that they connived at illegal shipment of  
arms to Palestine is purely circumstantial and they will  
certainly deny the charge. Moreover, they could retort  
that it was no concern of theirs if the authorities in  
Palestine were unable to prevent unauthorised landings  
of aircraft.

Foreign Office please pass to Washington,  
U.K. Delegation New York and Jerusalem as my telegrams  
Nos. 22, 10 and 2 respectively.

[Repeated to Washington and United Kingdom  
Delegation New York]

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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

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27 APR 1948

TO PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

Sent 16th April, 14.15 hrs.

No. 1419 Secret

Your telegram No. 977.

Skymaster aircraft.

I see no objection to giving publicity to this incident, provided that emphasis is laid on clandestine manner of plane's arrival and on our determination to take all possible steps to combat arms-running by either side while we remain responsible.

2. Foreign Office propose to take similar action here at opportune moment.

Compassant to:-

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- Mr. Baith.

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Mr. Macrae,  
Ciudad Mijillo  
23  
Sept 9th

Arms Traffic: Mentions for  
Palestine

Last Paper.

Kudo

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(Minutes.)

I am afraid that our instructions on E.4205, being drafted equally for Hayti and Santo Domingo, did not have quite the right emphasis for the latter post. Nevertheless, Mr. Macrae might have shown a little more imagination and realised that our general instruction in no way suggested that we failed to appreciate the information so far supplied by the Dominican Government. I attach a draft reply.

JB Apr. 13

(J. G. S. Beith)

13th April, 1948.

North American Dept.

It might be as well to  
send the Major a brief, but as  
the letter will not  
reach him until the end of  
this month at the earliest.

The Dominican Minister  
called the day before  
Yesterday to day personally in  
press report that Santo  
Domingo was being used as  
a camp for Palestinian

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Mr. Macrae

No. 23

9th April, 1948.

D. 11.37 a.m. 9th April, 1948.

R. 7.05 p.m. 9th April, 1948.

Repeated to Washington Saving

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 23 of April 9th repeated to Washington Saving.

Your telegram No. 21. - *6/5*

I do not understand the situation. My telegrams Nos. 15, 20, 21 and my telegram No. 1 Saving show that the Dominican Government has constantly taken the initiative in reporting to me information regarding arms traffic to Palestine, and attempts made to involve them in it. Is there any reason for me to show doubt of their bona fides by asking them now not to permit this traffic? Should I not rather express appreciation of their co-operation particularly as regards my telegram No. 21?

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CIUDAD TRUJILLO

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*Addressed to Ciudad Trujillo, tel no 23 of 16/4*  
*Repeated to Washington Saving*

Your telegram No. 23 [of April 9th:

Arms traffic to Palestine].

I agree. Letter follows.

*JB Apr. 16*

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO CIUDAD TRUJILLO

No. 23  
16th April, 1948

D: 6.10 p.m. 16th April, 1948

Repeated to: Washington No. 515 Saving

**IMPORTANT**

~~Addressed to Ciudad Trujillo telegram No. 25 of~~  
~~16th April repeated for information Saving to~~  
~~Washington.~~

Your telegram No. 25 [of April 9th: Arms traffic to Palestine].  
I agree. Letter follows.

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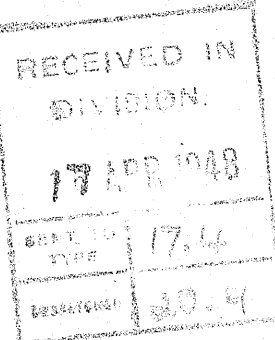
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Chancery,  
Ciudad Trujillo

(from Eastern Dept)

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Dear Chancery,

We ~~much~~ regret that our telegram No. 21 to you, which was also addressed to Port-au-Prince, should have puzzled you and that, in particular, we failed to take account in it of the helpful attitude of the Dominican Government in providing us with information about the arms<sup>2</sup> traffic to Palestine.

Our telegram was drafted primarily in order to give you and Port-au-Prince discretion to make representations in case they should become necessary, and to authorise you to support your U.S. colleague in this matter. We were aware that the Dominican Government have been, and are likely to be, much more co-operative than the Haytian Government, but it seemed from your telegram No. 15 that they had toyed with the idea of permitting arms to be imported and then seizing them.

Will you ~~therefore~~ therefore, read our telegram No. 21 as giving you discretion to make/

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make representations as required. We agree  
~~you should not make any~~  
~~that such representations are not at present~~  
~~at present~~  
desirable and that you should limit yourself  
for the moment to expressing appreciation of  
the information supplied by the Dominican  
authorities.

Yours ever,

EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S. W. 1.  
19th April, 1948.

Dear Chancery,

We regret that our telegram No. 21 to you, which was also addressed to Port-au-Prince, should have puzzled you and that, in particular, we failed to take account in it of the helpful attitude of the Dominican Government in providing us with information about the arms traffic to Palestine.

Our telegram was drafted primarily in order to give you and Port-au-Prince discretion to make representations in case they should become necessary, and to authorise you to support your United States colleague in this matter. We were aware that the Dominican Government have been, and are likely to be, much more co-operative than the Haitian Government, but it seemed from your telegram No. 11 that they had toyed with the idea of permitting arms to be imported and then seizing them.

Will you therefore read our telegram No. 21 as giving you discretion to make representations as required. We agree that you should not make any representations at present and that you should limit yourself for the moment to expressing appreciation of the information supplied by the Dominican authorities.

Yours ever,

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

The Chancery,  
British Legation,  
Ciudad Trujillo.

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(Print)	This is all very interesting but there is not very much that we can do about it. The information should certainly be brought to the attention of the State Department. I attach a draft telegram. B-310 North American Dept. First
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FROM CIUDAD TRUJILLO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Macrae, D. 1.30 p.m. 19th April, 1948.  
No. 25  
19th April, 1948. R. 8.35 p.m. 19th April, 1948.

Repeated to Washington Saving.

IMPORTANT  
SECRET  
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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 25 of April 19th, repeated to Washington Saving.

Your telegram No. 23.

Clandestine arms for Palestine.

Following direct and personal to me from General Fiallo Minister of the Interior and Police, immediate second to Trujillo. I believe the report and credit the General's motive as gratitude believing that British action in Cuba unmasked invasion plot and saved bloodshed and pillage. The General states that American citizen Greenspoon secured interview with him and offered ceiling price for recent acquirement of arms particularly machine guns and fighter aircraft. General replied that Dominican Republic required all the arms purchased but Greenspoon produced 200,000 dollars cash and urged the sale. The General pretended acquiescence and Greenspoon stated that Jew Schwimmer with Ray Sell both of Burbank California was in Mexico City at Hotel Gurney trying to buy arms. Greenspoon stated that he had four Liberator bombers (B 24) ready at a United States airfield to transport the arms to Palestine via Brazil and Gold Coast. The General subsequently informed Greenspoon that he could not sell arms contrary to the United Nations policy. I am not reporting above to my United States colleague with whom I am on the best of terms as the General's attitude implies accusation that United States business interests are careless of bloodshed in Palestine as in the Dominican Republic and you will no doubt, prefer to take any action you desire through Washington.

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat]

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Addressed to Washington telno.  
Re information to  
Repeating Ciudad Trujillo.

Ciudad Trujillo telegram No. 25

[of April 1934, arms traffic to Palestine]

Please draw the attention of the  
State Department in confidence to this  
further information about the arms  
traffic to Palestine.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO WASHINGTON.

No. 4825.

D. 4.20 p.m. 4th May 1948.

4th May 1948.

Repeated to: Ciudad Trujillo No. 26.

~~SECRET~~

Addressed to Washington telegram No. 4825  
of May 4th, repeated for information to Ciudad  
Trujillo.

Ciudad Trujillo telegram No.25 [of April 19th:  
arms traffic to Palestine].

Please draw the attention of the State Department in confidence to this further information about the arms traffic to Palestine.

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TELEGRAM FROM

No. Mr. Dixon  
PRAGUEDated 473  
22nd April

Received in Registry 23rd "

Illegal Arms for Palestine, Skymaster Aircraft.

Refere Palestine telegram No, 977 dated 13th April (E4505/193/31) American embassy professed anxiety lest publicity about this incident should react to disadvantage of American authorities, in view of fact that the crew were American, Mr. Dixon himself cannot see what good can be done by publicity

Last Paper.

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(Official)

Reattach Mr. JB Apr. 27

I think this is over for  
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Mr. Dixon.  
No. 173.

D: 9.35 a.m. 22nd April, 1948.

22nd April, 1948.

R: 11.14 a.m. 22nd April, 1948.

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Jerusalem telegram No. 977. Sky Master aircraft.

American Embassy professed anxiety lest publicity about this incident should react to disadvantage of American authorities, in view of the fact that the crew were American. I confess that I do not myself see what good can be done by publicity.

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PALESTINE

Registry  
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FROM

L. Waller  
(Commonwealth Relations  
No. Office) Mr. Balfour

Dated

F 2781/125  
8 May  
11 MayReceived  
in RegistryExport of arms from Canada for Zionists  
in PalestineCopy of despatch from U.K. H.C. Canada  
to 29 of April 26 enclosing extract from  
House of Commons debate of April 16 regarding  
export of arms & ammunition from Canada  
to Zionists in Palestine.

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JB May 12

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EXTRACT FROM HOUSE OF COMMONS DEBATES DATED 16/4/48.

PALESTINE

DEATH OF BRITISH SOLDIERS - COLLECTION OF FUND FOR  
ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS.

Mr. W.E. HARRIS (Parliamentary Assistant to the Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, last week the hon. member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Jacques) asked this question, as reported at page 2804 of Hansard:

Will the government consider the advisability of prohibiting the soliciting of funds in Canada for the purpose of supplying these zionists with arms and ammunition?

I am asked to make this answer. Arms and ammunition cannot be exported from Canada without an export permit, and no export permits have been granted for the shipment of arms and ammunition to Palestine. Nor is exchange authorization given for the transfer of funds from Canada to purchase arms and ammunition abroad for shipment to Palestine. Therefore the government does not consider it necessary at the present time to take the action suggested.

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Date 26th April, 1948.

Office of the High Commissioner,  
Barnscliffe,  
Ottawa.

The High Commissioner in Canada for His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom presents his compliments to the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

Reference to previous correspondence:

High Commissioner's despatch No. 67 of 30th March, 1948.

DESCRIPTION OF ENCLOSURES	DATE.
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*D. D. Balfour*  
D.O.3a. *Foreign Office*

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*Palestine*

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*11 MAY 1948*

With the compliments of

*W. Walker*

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FROM BUCHAREST TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Holman.  
No. 584.

D: 7.50 a.m. 26th May, 1948.

25th May, 1948.

R: 9.21 a.m. 26th May, 1948.

IMPORTANT

TOP SECRET

Following from Assistant Air Attaché for Air Ministry  
London repeated H.Q. R.A.F. M.E.D.M.E.

[Begins]

A.I.38 May 25th.

Reference Air Ministry signal AIX 384 of May 21st.

Have received report from American source that delegation  
of 3 Jews recently concluded agreement with Russian Military  
Attaché for supply of arms to Palestine. Report makes no  
mention of aircraft. The 3 Jews are considered to have  
probably been Carmen, Averbuch and Fischer who are believed  
to be already well known in London.

Report adds that arms are to be transported by sea,  
and that two ships have been earmarked for this purpose.  
No details of these ships are however available at present.

Emphasise that all attempts to obtain any confirmation  
of this report have so far failed. Tendency at this  
Legation is to discount report, which is categorised "F.3.",  
but it may indicate approach has been made with a view to  
supply of arms. Any further developments will be notified in  
due course.

Air Ministry please pass to H.Q. R.A.F. M.E.D.M.E.

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